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JERUSALEM FOR THE SECRETARIAT

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT

1. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SEVERAL DEMONSTRATIONS THE LARGEST OF WHICH NUMBERED PERHAPS 10 TO 12000 PERSONS, BEIRUT WAS RELATIVELY QUIET DECEMBER 16 DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LEBANON. THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE WELL CONTROLLED AND THERE WERE FEW INCIDENTS. MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS APPEARED TO BE YOUNG PEOPLE. FEW ARMS WERE IN EVIDENCE AND THE ONLY INCIDENT OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE WAS BETWEEN PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES AND WAS SHORT LIVED. THE DEMONUTRATIONS WERE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST SECRETARY KISSINGER AND KING HUSSEIN WITH ANTI KISSINGER-HUSSEIN PLACARDS AND CHANTING. THE DEMONSTRATIONS DID NOT REPEAT NOT COME CLOSE TO THE EMBASSY OR THE AIRPORT AND ALL OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE DISPERESED BY EARLY AFTERNOON. THEY WERE CLOSELY CONTROLLED WITH SPECIAL POLICE LEADING,

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FOLLOWING AND FLANKING THE MARCHERS.

2. THE SECRETARY'S VISIT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE AT THE
LEBANESE ROYAL AIR FORCE BASE SOME FORTY MILES
FROM BEIRUT IN THE BEKA'A VALLEY.

3. COMMENT: THE LEBANESE POLICE WERE OBVIOUSLY ON
THE ALERT FOR ANY TROUBLE AND IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS
TO CONTROL THE SITUATION. THERE APPEARED HOWEVER TO
BE LITTLE POPULAR SENTIMENT FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND
THE ONLY PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION CLEARLY IN EVIDENCE
WAS THE PFLP.
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